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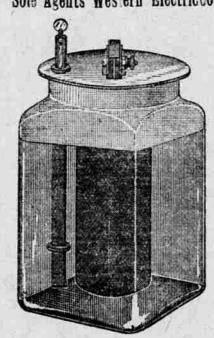


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> Seventeen acres of fine ripe cane were burned before the fire was extinguished. The loss will be only a nominal one in ready for grinding. In fact it is strong- gers. ly suspected that some of the laborers engaged in cutting the field set the fire purposely to save the trouble of stripping the stalks. These burnings of ripe canefields have been too preva- slope of Haleakala. lent recently and if purposely fired, the police should strive to make examples of the guilty persons in order to protect any valuable property that may be endangered by the conflagrations.

MAKAWAO DEBATING SOCIETY. Last evening, the 13th, the regular meeting of the Makawao Debating Society took place in the parlors of the Paia Foreign Church. The subject debated was, "Resolved, that the Hawaiian Islands should be annexed to California," and strange to relate the affirmative side led by Messrs. John negative led by Messrs. A. R. McLane and E. B. Carley. There was quite a kawao, return to Honolulu. good attendance of spectators. The discussion for the next meeting will be

GENERAL NOTES.

week. From Huelo they went far up too great a political "pull."

AUI. Sept. 14.—Monday evening. on Haleakala's slope visiting some rethe 9th, great excitement pre- gions almost unaccessible on account vailed for several hours through- of the undergrowth. They spent two nights at Ulupalakua and from there

During the week no vessel from the Coast has arrived in Kahului so the supply of horse-feed and other staple articles is becoming less and less. fire at Camp 5 just below the "largest However the steamer "Oregonian" now pected during the latter part of next

week and may relieve the strain. It is stated the new sister ships of outlines of the structure were plainly the Oregonian will be soon completed visible through the smoke and the and this steamship company under the agency of H. Hackfeld & Co., will have a fleet of six fine steamships running between the Coast and Honolulu, Kahului and Hilo for the purpose of taking sugar to San Francisco and bringing general cargoes to the Territory. These as much as the cane was mature and boats are not fitted to carry passen-

On the 11th Haleakala Ranch started their annual cattle drive and round up which will continue for a week and take in a large portion of the western

The ceremony which will unite in marriage Miss Hons and Mr. Waldeyer will take place at 8 o'clock next Tuesday evening (the 17th) in the Wailuku Anglican church and will be conducted by Rev. Wm. Ault. A reception will be given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ogg directly after the

On the 11th Mrs. H. A. Baldwin of Hamakuaroko gave a pink luncheon in honor of Mrs. F. F. Baldwin who will next week depart for a visit to San Francisco. Eight ladies were present By today's Claudine Misses Hart and Jones and R. F. Engle won over the Winne and Mr. and Miss Newcomb, who have been spending a vacation in Ma-

There's talk concerning the extension of the express line to Kahului. Such a concerning the pros and cons of the thing is very necessary. Under interadmission of Chinese into the United national parcel post laws, packages up to twelve pounds could be obtained from the mainland, but now since an-David Haughs of the Department of nexation under the domestic parcel post Agriculture in company with W. O. regulations only four pounds can be Aiken, sub-land agent, and James sent through the mails. Why, O why Lindsay of Haiku has been "doing" the the difference? The "pessimist" states forests of East Maul during the past that the U. S. express companies have

CAN MANGOES BE GROWN ON AMERICAN MAINLAND

an interesting report from the United and New York, the grafts were about ten States Consul at Bombay, India, on a were all dead on arrival. It is hoped subject of interest to growers of fruit, better results will follow the present namely, the transplantation of the de- consignment. licious Bombay Alfoos mango, the most highly prized of Indian fruits. The East fetch fancy prices, as they are superior to the mangoes brought from the West Indies. William Thomas Fee, our consul, gives the following particulars concerning the fruit:

"The genus belongs to the cashew famlly, of which we have in the United States a native representative in the sumac.' I believe there are some fourteen species known; some have been completely naturalized in the West Indies, and other tropical countries. The most important species is the Mangifera Indica,' or 'mango,' the Indian native name, of which there are numerous varieties.

"The tree is large and spreading, with leathery, lanceolate leaves and large terminal panicles of flowers. The fruit, like the apple of the temperate zone, varies greatly in size, shape, color and flavor, being sometimes three or more inches long. The largest varieties weigh two pounds, but they are usually not larger than a goose egg. The mango is at first gren, then becomes red or orange color. Beneath the tough skin there is in the better varieties a rich, fleshy, delicious pulp, in the center of which is a large flat stone, to which the inner portion of the pulp is attached by coarse fibers, something after the manner of our clingstone peach. The poorer varieties are smaller in size, tough and stringy, and are not edible on account of their strong flavor of turpentine. One writer compared them to a 'mixture of tow and turpentine.'

"The mango season commences in this part of India in May and June, just before the monsoon. The 'Alfoos' (or Alphonse) is claimed to be the best variety of the mango. The first sell in the Bombay markets at the beginning of the season at 4 rupees (\$1.30) per dozen, and later drop in price one-half. The other varieties cost according to quality, some as low as 3 annas (6 cents) per dozen; in fact, 'jungle mangoes' may be had for even less, but this wild kind is eaten only by the natives.

"Inarching is the favorite system of improving the mango by grafting in Bombay.

andalwood, is used by the Hindoos for burning. The bark possesses astringent properties, and when cut exudes a resinous and astringent gum. The natives make use of the leaves and leaf stalks in hardening the gum, and the undevelped fruit (ground into a paste) is claimed to possess vermifugal properties. The seeds, when bolled, are eaten in times of carcity of other food."

It appears that the mango trade be ween Bombay and London is developng into a considerable commerce. Oddly enough, the wooden boxes used by the Standard Oil Company in shipping case oil to India are utilized in this en-

On the request of a horticulturist of ida, Mr. Fee says he is shipping thence in a specially made case with plate-glass top, twelve mango grafts of nine different varieties. This is the second shipment, the first being made about this time last year, but on account of the de

The State Department is in receipt of lays attending transshipment at London weeks in reaching their destination, and

Now, cannot this fruit be grown to perfection in California, as all other fruits Certainly if Florida can grow Indian mangoes are greatly esteemed in mangoes California can. Foreign fruits, the London markets, where they always when transplanted in American soil, are always immensely improved, and if this additional value can be imparted to the already delicious Indian mango, we shall certainly be in possession of a delicacy fit for the use of Jupiter and his colleagues on the heights of Mount Olympus Hurry up, California fruit growers, go in If the Indian mango is an unknown delight in your gardens of Elysium, just write to that consul and tell him that as he seems to have a good thing, to please pass it along-Fruit

> But there is a better way than this. Mangoes grow in the Hawaiian Islands, near at hand, but a far better variety grows in the Philippines, possibly the same as the East Indian. The mango would be a practical fruit in the market properly handled, since it is the custom to pick it green and ripen it in the dark by packing it in pallai, or unhulled rice. In this country oats or bran, or even sawdust, could be substituted. It remains in this packing ten days to two weeks, before being in condition to eat. This would enable it to be packed in sawdust in boxes and be shipped to any market in this country .- Ed. San Jose

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